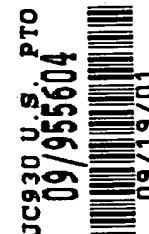


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): HOOPMAN et al.
 Docket No.: 49933US032
 Title: TOOLS TO MANUFACTURE ABRASIVE ARTICLES



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☒ UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION including:

☒ Specification (73 consecutively numbered pgs, including 153 claims on 33 consecutively numbered pgs and a 1 pg Abstract);

☒ Drawings (8 figures on 4 sheets);

☒ A copy of a signed Declaration, Power of Attorney, and Petition as filed in the parent application (3pgs).

☐ Application Data Sheet (_ pgs).

☒ An Information Disclosure Statement (2 pgs); 1449 forms (8 pgs); copy of International Search Report (6 pgs); and copies of 178 documents listed on the 1449 forms.

☒ An itemized return postcard.

☐ An Assignment of the invention to _ and Recordation Form Cover Sheet.

☐ A check in the amount of \$40.00 to pay the Assignment Recording Fee.

☐ A certified copy of a _ application, Serial No. __, filed _____, the right of priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

☐ Computer readable form of "Sequence Listing." Applicants state that the paper copy form of the "Sequence Listing" section of the present application, and the computer readable form submitted herewith, are the same.

☒ Other: Request for Filing a Continuation Application Under Rule 1.53(b) (3 pgs); and Communication (13 pgs).

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Total Claims	36	20 =	16	x \$18 =	\$288
Independent Claims	18	3 =	15	x \$80 =	\$1200
One or More Multiple Dependent Claims Presented? If Yes, Enter \$270 Here →					\$0
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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER RULE §1.53(b)

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of Serial No. 09/520,032, Confirmation No. Unknown, filed on 6 March 2000, entitled TOOLS TO MANUFACTURE ABRASIVE ARTICLES by the following inventor(s) (name, address, and citizenship):

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1. ☐ Enclosed is a copy of the specification (including claims, abstract, and drawings) as filed in the prior application.
2. ☒ Enclosed is a new specification (including claims and abstract). The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.
3. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the prior application.
4. ☐ Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5. ☒ Enclosed are drawings (4 sheets).

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6. ☒ Cancel in this application claims 1-22, 25-29, 33-55, 58-62, 65-88, 91, 94-112, and 115-132 before calculating the filing fee. (At least one independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
7. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
8. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED			
NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	BASIC FEE \$710
Total Claims 36-20 =	16	\$18	\$288
Independent Claims 18-3 =	15	\$80	\$1200
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED		\$270	\$0
FILING FEE:			\$2198

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10. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-4895.
11. ☐ This application is being filed by less than all of the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following inventor(s) who are not inventors of the invention claimed in the present application:
12. ☒ Amend the specification ~~by inserting as the first sentence on page 1, the following:~~ This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/520,032 (filed March 6, 2000), pending, which is a division of Application No. 09/259,488 (filed February 26, 1999), issued as U.S. Patent NO. 6,076,248, which application is a division of Application No. 08/940,267 (filed September 29, 1997), issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,129,540, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/450,814 (filed May 25, 1995), abandoned, which is a division of Application No. 08/120,300 (filed September 13, 1993), abandoned. --
13. ☐ Priority of foreign application Serial No. _____, filed on _____ in (country) _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
14. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to 3M Innovative Properties Company.

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